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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS** 

Claim 8, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 4 to 7" to -- Claim 4 --.

Claim 13 (Amended) A method for modulating the activity of an enzyme

having AHCY-type activity which includes amino acids 177 to 314 of the amino acid sequence of Figure 1, or a functional portion or functional equivalent of said enzyme [according to claim 1] in a patient, comprising administering to said

patient a DNA construct according to [any one of ] claim[s] 8 [to 12].

